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SUBJECT: CSCE: FINNS SAY JULY 28 SUMMIT NO LONGER POSSIBLE

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1. FINNISH AMBASSADOR ILONIEMI TOLD COORDINATING COMMITTEE EVENING OF JULY 7 THAT HIS GOVERNMENT COULD NO LONGER COMPLETE PREPARATIONS FOR STAGE III IN TIME TO OPEN THE CSCE SUMMIT ON JULY 28. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ILLONIEMI'S STATEMENT, SWEDISH AMBASSADOR FORMALLY WITHDREW HIS PROPOSAL THAT STAGE III BE HELD ON THAT DATE. AT THE MOMENT THERE IS NO FORMAL SUGGESTION FOR A SPECIFIC STAGE III DATE BEFORE THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE. ILONIEMI HAS TOLD US PRIVATELY IT IS STILL POSSIBLE TO CONVENE STAGE ON JULY 29 OR LATER, BUT THAT EACH DAY WHICH PASSES WITHOUT A DECISION ON TIMING WILL MEAN THAT THE

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OPENING OF STAGE III WILL HAVE TO BE DELAYED BY ONE

MORE DAY.

2. IN HIS STATEMENT, ILONIEMI REFERRED TO SPECULATION THAT THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY BEGUN PREPARATIONS FOR STAGE III AND THAT ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE IN A PERIOD MUCH SHORTER THAN FOUR OR EVEN THREE WEEKS. HE SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS FROM HELSINKI TO MAKE CLEAR THAT PREPARATIONS HAD NOT BEGUN AND THAT NO STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN UNTIL THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ASKED TO DO SO BY THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE. WARNING DELEGATES THAT THE TIME FOR A DECISION WAS AT HAND, ILONIEMI SAID THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT WANTED AN EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF ALL PARTICIPANTS TO SHARE RESPONSIBILITY, BOTH POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL, FOR ARRANGING STAGE III.

3. SPEAKING PRIVATELY TO MEMBER US DELEGATION ILONIEMI SAID HIS STATEMENT HAD BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT BY "CONTRACTUAL PROBLEMS" IN HELSINKI. THESE CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE IT NECESSARY FOR THE FINNS TO TAKE A FINAL DECISION TO GO AHEAD WITH STAGE III AT LEAST THREE WEEKS BEFORE THE TARGET DATE. THIS MEANT THAT JULY 28 WAS NOW IMPOSSIBLE AND THAT EACH PASSING DAY WOULD REMOVE ANOTHER POSSIBLE DATE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF STAGE III.

4. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION, ITALIAN AMBASSADOR DESCRIBED FOR US PRIVATELY THE COURSE OF DISCUSSION AT THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING IN ROME. HE SAID DEBATE IN PREPARATORY SESSION JULY 7 HAD BEEN HEATED AND IT HAD NOT YET BEEN POSSIBLE TO AGREE ON A COMMON LINE. THE GOAL WAS TO PROPOSE A COMPROMISE SOLUTION ON THE LINES OF THE FRENCH SUGGESTION FOR TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON A DATE (REFTEL). IN ADDITION, HOWEVER, THE EC WOULD INCLUDE A SPECIFIC LIST OF ISSUES ON WHICH ITS MEMBERS WOULD WISH TO HAVE SATISFACTION BY A SPECIFIED DATE, PROBABLY JULY 12, BEFORE CONFIRMING THEIR TENTATIVE AGREEMENT TO A DATE FOR STAGE III. THESE ISSUES WOULD INCLUDE THOSE OF IMPORTANCE TO THE FRG (QRR, PEACEFUL CHANGE AND "EUROPE CLAUSE") PLUS BASKET II FORMULATION ON RECIPROCITY, FOLLOW-UP,

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CBM'S II AND POSSIBILITY OF EC-9 PRESIDENCY SIGNING ALSO FOR THE COMMUNITY. ON CBM'S, ITALIAN AMBASSADOR SAID THE NINE WERE SEARCHING FOR A WAY TO DIFFERENTIATE THEIR POSITION FROM THAT OF TURKEY WITHOUT BREAKING TOTALLY WITH THEIR NATO ALLY. WORD OF THE NINE'S DECISION IS EXPECTED SOMETIME TOMORROW, AND COULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT EFFECT ON CONFERENCE THINKING.

5. NEXT MEETING OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED
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